

What is claimed is:

[Claim 1] 1. A chamois, comprising:

- a first cloth layer;
- 230 the first cloth layer being relatively elastic and having a garment facing side;
- a second cloth layer;
- the second cloth layer being relatively elastic and having a body facing side;
- 235 a first foam layer;
- the first foam layer coupled to the first cloth layer opposite the garment facing side and located between the first cloth layer and the second cloth layer;
- the first foam layer being relatively elastic such that the chamois
- 240 stretches;
- at least one foam pad; and
- the at least one foam pad being coupled to the first foam layer;
- the at least one foam pad being relatively inelastic and arranged between the first foam layer and the second cloth layer, such that
- 245 a portion of the chamois is relatively elastic and a portion of the chamois is relatively inelastic.

[Claim 2] 2. The chamois of claim 1, wherein the second cloth layer comprises an anti-microbial material.

[Claim 3] 3. The chamois of claim 1, further comprising

an anti-microbial material layer, wherein the anti-microbial material layer is located proximate the second cloth layer and is comprised of a relatively elastic material.

[Claim 4] 4. The chamois of claim 1, wherein the second cloth layer comprises at least one relatively inelastic portion, wherein the at least one relatively inelastic portion is substantially aligned with the at least one foam pad, such that the second cloth layer 5 **may stretch in multiple directions but the at least one inelastic portion of the second cloth layer inhibits stretching in that portion.**

[Claim 5] 5. The chamois of claim 1, wherein the first cloth layer comprises at least one relatively inelastic portion, wherein the at least one relatively inelastic portion is substantially aligned with the at least one foam pad, such that the first cloth layer may stretch in multiple directions but the at least one inelastic portion of the first cloth layer inhibits stretching in that portion.

[Claim 6] 6. The chamois of claim 1, wherein the at least one foam pad comprises a plurality of foam pads.

[Claim 7] 7. The chamois of claim 1, wherein the at least one foam pad is substantially arranged about the buttocks region of the chamois.

[Claim 8] 8. The chamois of claim 1, wherein the at least one foam pad comprises a multiple density foam.

[Claim 9] 9. The chamois of claim 1, wherein the at least one foam pad comprises a first density and the first foam layer comprises a second density less than the first density.

[Claim 10] 10. The chamois of claim 1, further comprising:
a second foam layer;
the second foam layer being coupled to the second cloth layer opposite the body facing side and located between the at least one foam pad and the second cloth layer; and
the second foam layer being relatively elastic such that the chamois stretches.

[Claim 11] 11. The chamois of claim 10, wherein the first foam layer and the second foam layer comprise the same type of foam.

[Claim 12] 12. The chamois of claim 1, wherein the first cloth layer, the second cloth layer, the first foam layer, and the at least one foam pad are flexible.

[Claim 13] 13. A chamois, comprising:

- a first cloth layer;
the first cloth layer being relatively elastic and having a garment facing side;
- 5 a second cloth layer;
the second cloth layer being relatively elastic and having at least one relatively inelastic portion, the second cloth layer has a body facing side;
- a first foam layer;
the first foam layer coupled to the first cloth layer opposite the
- 10 garment facing side and the second cloth layer opposite the body facing side, the first foam layer located between the first cloth layer and the second cloth layer;
- the first foam layer being relatively elastic such that the chamois stretches;
- 15 at least one foam pad; and
the at least one foam pad being coupled to the first foam layer between the first foam layer and the second cloth layer;
- the at least one foam pad substantially aligned with the at least one relatively inelastic portion, such that the at least one foam pad is inhibited
- 20 from stretching.

[Claim 14] 14. The chamois of claim 13, wherein the at least one foam pad is relatively inelastic.

[Claim 15] 15. The chamois of claim 13, wherein the at least one foam pad is elastic.

[Claim 16] 16. The chamois of claim 13, wherein at least the second cloth layer contains an anti-microbial material.

[Claim 17] 17. The chamois of claim 13, wherein the first cloth layer comprises a relatively inelastic portion substantially aligned with the at least one foam pad.

[Claim 18] 18. The chamois of claim 14, wherein the at least one foam pad is relatively denser than the elastic foam layer.

[Claim 19] 19. The chamois of claim 14, wherein the at least one foam pad comprises multiple densities at least one of which is denser than the elastic foam layer.

[Claim 20] 20. A chamois, comprising:

- a first cloth layer;
the first cloth layer being relatively elastic and having a garment facing side;
- 5 a second cloth layer;
the second cloth layer being relatively elastic and having a body facing side;
- a first foam layer;
the first foam layer coupled to the first cloth layer opposite the
- 10 garment facing side and the second cloth layer opposite the body facing side,
the first foam layer located between the first cloth layer and the second cloth layer;
- the first foam layer being relatively elastic such that the chamois stretches;
- 15 the first foam layer having at least one through hole;
at least one foam pad; and
the at least one foam pad being sized to fit in the at least one through hole and coupled to the first foam layer in the at least one through hole; and
the at least one foam pad comprising a relatively inelastic material;
- 20 wherein the at least one foam pad is inhibited from stretching.

[Claim 21] 21. The chamois of claim 20, wherein the first foam layer comprises a first density and the at least one foam pad comprises a second density greater than the first density.

[Claim 22] 22. The chamois of claim 20, wherein the first cloth layer comprises at least one relatively inelastic portion substantially aligned with the at least one foam pad.

[Claim 23] 23. The chamois of claim 20, wherein the second cloth layer comprises at least one relatively inelastic portion substantially aligned with the at least one foam pad.

[Claim 24] 24. The chamois of claim 22, wherein the second cloth layer comprises at least one relatively inelastic portion substantially aligned with the at least one foam pad.

[Claim 25] 25. The chamois of claim 20, further comprising anti-microbial material.

[Claim 26] 26. The chamois of claim 22, wherein the relatively inelastic portion comprises synthetic leather.

[Claim 27] 27. The chamois of claim 23, wherein the relatively inelastic portion comprises synthetic leather.

[Claim 28] 28. A chamois, comprising:

- a first cloth layer;
the first cloth layer being relatively elastic and having a garment facing side;
- 5 a second cloth layer;
the second cloth layer being relatively elastic and having a body facing side;
- a first foam layer;
the first foam layer coupled to the first cloth layer opposite the
- 10 garment facing side and the second cloth layer opposite the body facing side,
the first foam layer located between the first cloth layer and the second cloth layer;
- the first foam layer being relatively elastic such that the chamois stretches;
- 15 at least one relatively inelastic material coupled to at least one of the first cloth layer and the second cloth layer; and
the at least one relatively inelastic material inhibits stretching of the first cloth layer, the first foam layer, and the second cloth layer in areas substantially aligned with the at least one relatively inelastic material.

[Claim 29] 29. The chamois of claim 28, wherein the at least one relatively inelastic material comprises at least a first relatively inelastic material coupled to the first cloth layer and a second relatively inelastic material coupled to the second cloth layer.

[Claim 30] 30. The chamois of claim 28, further comprising at least one foam pad, the at least one foam pad substantially aligned with the at least one relatively inelastic material.

[Claim 31] 31. The chamois of claim 30, wherein the at least one foam pad is relatively inelastic.

[Claim 32] 32. The chamois of claim 30, wherein the at least one foam pad comprises a first density and the first foam layer comprises a second density less than the first density.

[Claim 33] 33. The chamois of claim 30, wherein the at least one foam pad is thicker than the first foam layer.

[Claim 34] 34. The chamois of claim 32, wherein the at least one foam pad comprises a multi-density foam.

[Claim 35] 35. The chamois of claim 28, wherein the first foam layer comprises at least one through hole substantially aligned with the at least one relatively inelastic portion, and further comprising at least one foam pad arranged in the at least one through hole.

[Claim 36] 36. The chamois of claim 30, further comprising a second foam layer arranged such that the at least one foam pad resides in a through opening between the first foam layer and the second foam layer.

[Claim 37] 37. A chamois, comprising:

a first cloth layer having a garment facing side, the first cloth layer being relatively elastic;

5 a first foam layer coupled to the first cloth layer, the first foam layer being relatively elastic and defining at least one through opening substantially contained in the first foam layer;

at least one foam pad contained in the at least one through opening; the at least one foam pad being relatively inelastic; and

10 a second cloth layer having a body facing side, the second cloth layer being relatively elastic and coupled to the first foam layer.

[Claim 38] 38. The chamois of claim 37, wherein the first foam layer is formed of a garment side foam layer and a body side foam layer abutting at an interface, and wherein the at least one foam pad is arranged on the interface and substantially
5 **surrounded by the first foam layer.**

[Claim 39] 39. A chamois, comprising:

- a first cloth layer;
the first cloth layer being relatively elastic and having a garment facing side;
- 5 a second cloth layer;
the second cloth layer being relatively elastic and having a body facing side;
- a first foam layer;
the first foam layer coupled to the first cloth layer opposite the
- 10 garment facing side and located between the first cloth layer and the second cloth layer;
the first foam layer being relatively elastic such that the chamois stretches;
- at least one foam pad;
- 15 the at least one foam pad being coupled to the first foam layer; and
at least one seam, the at least one seam at least partially enclosing the at least one foam pad and inhibiting the at least one foam pad from stretching, such that
- a portion of the chamois is relatively elastic and a portion of the
- 20 chamois is relatively inelastic.

[Claim 40] 40. The chamois of claim 39, wherein the at least one foam pad comprises a material different than the first foam layer.

[Claim 41] 41. The chamois of claim 40, wherein the at least one foam pad comprises a material that is denser than the first foam layer.

[Claim 42] 42. The chamois of claim 39, further comprising at least one relatively inelastic portion in the first cloth layer, the at least one relatively inelastic portion is substantially aligned with the at least one foam pad.

[Claim 43] 43. The chamois of claim 39, further comprising at least one relatively inelastic portion in the second

cloth layer, the at least one relatively inelastic portion is substantially aligned with the at least one foam pad.

[Claim 44] 44. The chamois of claim 40, wherein the at least one foam pad comprises a relatively inelastic foam.

[Claim 45] 45. The chamois of claim 39, wherein the at least one foam pad is arranged on the first foam layer.

[Claim 46] 46. The chamois of claim 39, further comprising at least one through hole in the first foam layer wherein the at least one foam pad is arranged in the at least one through hole.

[Claim 47] 47. The chamois of claim 39, further comprising at least one through opening in the first foam layer wherein the at least one foam pad is arranged in the at least one through opening.

[Claim 48] 48. The chamois of claim 39, wherein the first foam layer comprises an garment side foam layer and a body side foam layer coupled at an interface, and wherein the at least one foam pad is arranged on the interface.

[Claim 49] 49. The chamois of claim 1, wherein the chamois is flexible.

[Claim 50] 50. The chamois of claim 13, wherein the chamois is flexible.

[Claim 51] 51. The chamois of claim 20, wherein the chamois is flexible.

5 **[Claim 52]** 52. The chamois of claim 28, wherein the chamois is flexible.

- [Claim 53]** 53. The chamois of claim 37, wherein the chamois is flexible.
- [Claim 54]** 54. The chamois of claim 39, wherein the chamois is flexible.